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Hearing Date: September 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) Objection Deadline: September 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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| In re: |) | Chapter 11 |
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| VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., et al., |) | Case No. 22-10943 (MEW) |
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| Debtors. ¹ |) | (Jointly Administered) |
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., ET AL., EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 22, 2022

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the Application for Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of McDermott Will & Emery LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., et al., Effective as of July 22, 2022 (the "Application") filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. (7687); Voyager Digital Ltd. (7224); and Voyager Digital, LLC (8013). The location of the Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc.'s and Voyager Digital Ltd.'s principal place of business is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003. Voyager Digital, LLC's principal place of business is 701 S. Miami Ave, 8th Floor, Miami, FL 33131.

Voyager Digital Holdings, *et al.* (the "Committee") will be held on **September 13, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time** (the "Hearing"). In accordance with General Order M-543 dated March 20, 2020, the Hearing will be conducted telephonically. Any parties wishing to participate must do so by making arrangements through CourtSolutions by visiting https://www.court-solutions.com.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses or objections to the relief requested in the Application shall: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, and all General Orders applicable to chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; (c) be filed electronically with the Court on the docket of *In re Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc.*, No. 22-10943 (MEW) by registered users of the Court's electronic filing system and in accordance with all General Orders applicable to chapter 11 cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (which are available on the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov); and (d) be served so as to be actually received by September 6, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, by the entities on the Master Service List available on the case website of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "Debtors") at https://cases.stretto.com/Voyager.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that only those responses or objections that are timely filed, served, and received will be considered at the Hearing. Failure to file a timely objection may result in entry of a final order granting the Application as requested by the Committee.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Application and other pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained free of charge by visiting the website of Stretto at https://cases.stretto.com/Voyager. You may also obtain copies of the

Application and other pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases by visiting the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

Dated: New York, New York August 22, 2022

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| In re: |) | Chapter 11 |
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| VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., et al., |) | Case No. 22-10943 (MEW) |
| Debtors. ¹ |) | (Jointly Administered) |
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APPLICATION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., ET AL., EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 22, 2022

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., et al. (collectively, the "Debtors") hereby submits this Application for Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of McDermott Will & Emery LLP as Counsel to

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. (7687); Voyager Digital Ltd. (7224); and Voyager Digital, LLC (8013). The location of the Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc.'s and Voyager Digital Ltd.'s principal place of business is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003. Voyager Digital, LLC's principal place of business is 701 S. Miami Ave, 8th Floor, Miami, FL 33131.

the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., et al.,

Effective as of July 22, 2022 (the "Application"), pursuant to sections 328(a) and 1103 of title

11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), rules 2014(a) and 2016 of the Federal

Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the

Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules"), for entry
of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Proposed Order"),
authorizing the employment and retention of McDermott Will & Emery LLP ("McDermott")

as counsel to the Committee. In support of the Application, the Committee submits the
declaration of Darren Azman, a partner at McDermott, attached hereto as Exhibit B (the
"Azman Declaration"), and the declaration of Jason Raznick, not in his individual capacity
but solely in his capacity as chair of the Committee, attached hereto as Exhibit C (the
"Raznick Declaration" and, together with the Azman Declaration, the "Supporting

Declarations"). In further support of this Application, the Committee respectfully states as
follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, entered February 1, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and the Committee confirms its consent to the Court entering a final order in connection with the Application to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The bases for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 328(a) and 1103(a), Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016, and Local Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1.

BACKGROUND

- 4. On July 5, 2022 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.
- 5. On July 6, 2022, the Court entered an order authorizing the joint administration and procedural consolidation of the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). *See* Docket No. 18.
- 6. On July 19, 2022, the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") appointed the Committee pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1102. *See* Docket No. 102. The Committee currently comprises: (i) Jason Raznick; (ii) Russell G. Stewart; (iii) Brandon Mullenberg; (iv) Richard Kiss for Thincat Trust; (v) Christopher Moser; (vi) Byron Walker; and (vii) Melissa and Adam Freeman. As of the date hereof, no request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in the Chapter 11 Cases.
- 7. On July 22, 2022 (the "<u>Retention Date</u>"), the Committee selected McDermott as its proposed counsel, subject to this Court's approval. On July 25, 2022, the Committee selected FTI Consulting, Inc. ("<u>FTI</u>") to serve as its financial advisor, subject to this Court's approval.

RELIEF REQUESTED

8. By the Application, the Committee seeks entry of an order, substantially in the form of the Proposed Order, authorizing it to retain and employ McDermott as its bankruptcy

counsel pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 328(a) and 1103(a), Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016, and Local Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1, effective as of July 22, 2022.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

9. The Committee selected McDermott because of its extensive experience in and knowledge of complex chapter 11 matters. As more fully described in the Azman Declaration, McDermott has represented official and unofficial committees and other prominent parties in numerous complex and prominent chapter 11 bankruptcy cases in recent years, including cases in this jurisdiction. Moreover, McDermott's lawyers have extensive experience advising clients in the cryptocurrency space, including representing the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Cred, Inc., *et al.*, in its chapter 11 cases filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (Case No. 20-12836 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del.)), which involved a cryptocurrency yield earning platform. For these reasons, the Committee believes McDermott possesses the requisite knowledge and expertise in the areas of law relevant to the Chapter 11 Cases and is well qualified to represent the Committee.

MCDERMOTT'S ROLE

- 10. Subject to the direction of the Committee and further order of the Court, the Committee respectfully submits that it is necessary and appropriate for it to retain and employ McDermott to, among other things:
 - (a) Advise the Committee with respect to its rights, duties, and powers in the Chapter 11 Cases;
 - (b) Assist and advise the Committee in its consultations and negotiations with the Debtors and other parties in interest relative to the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases;
 - (c) Solicit information from and provide information to the general creditor body, including through the establishment of a Committee information website and hosting regularly scheduled town halls;

- (d) Assist the Committee in analyzing the claims of the Debtors' creditors and the Debtors' capital structure and in negotiating with holders of claims and equity interests:
- (e) Assist the Committee in its investigation of the acts, conduct, assets, liabilities, and financial condition of the Debtors and their insiders and of the operation of the Debtors' businesses:
- (f) Assist the Committee in its analysis of, and negotiations with, the Debtors or any third party concerning matters related to, among other things, the assumption or rejection of certain leases of non-residential real property and executory contracts, asset dispositions, financing or other transactions, and the terms of one or more plans of reorganization for the Debtors and accompanying disclosure statements and related plan documents;
- (g) Assist and advise the Committee as to its communications with the general creditor body regarding significant matters in the Chapter 11 Cases;
- (h) Monitoring international precedings involving the Debtors and property of the Debtors' estates;
- (i) Represent the Committee at all hearings and other proceedings before the Court;
- (j) Review and analyze applications, orders, statements of operations, and schedules filed with the Court and advise the Committee as to their propriety and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the Committee, support, join, or object thereto;
- (k) Advise and assist the Committee with respect to any legislative, regulatory, or governmental activities;
- (l) Assist the Committee in its review and analysis of the Debtors' various agreements;
- (m) Prepare, on behalf of the Committee, any pleadings, including, without limitation, motions, memoranda, complaints, adversary complaints, objections, or comments in connection with any matter related to the Debtors or the Chapter 11 Cases;
- (n) Investigate and analyze any claims belonging to the Debtors' estates; and
- (o) Perform such other legal services as may be required or are otherwise deemed to be in the interests of the Committee in accordance with the Committee's powers and duties, as set forth in the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or other applicable law.
- 11. The Committee believes that it is necessary to employ counsel to render the above-described professional services to the Committee so that the Committee may properly fulfill its duties under the Bankruptcy Code. Further, the Committee believes that McDermott

is well qualified to provide these services in the Chapter 11 Cases. The Committee understands that McDermott intends to work closely with the Committee's other professionals, including its proposed financial advisor, FTI, to ensure that there is no unnecessary duplication of services.

MCDERMOTT'S CONNECTIONS TO THESE CASES

- 12. The Committee has reviewed the Azman Declaration, including the "connections" to the Chapter 11 Cases disclosed therein, as such term is used in Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a). Notwithstanding any such connections, the Committee believes that McDermott is "disinterested," as that term is defined in Bankruptcy Code section 101(14), and does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors' estates with respect to the matters for which McDermott is to be employed, as required by Bankruptcy Code section 328(c).
- 13. To the extent that issues arise that would cause the Committee to be adverse to any of McDermott's clients, such that it would not be appropriate for McDermott to represent the Committee with respect to such matters, the Committee will engage conflicts counsel with respect to those matters.
- 14. Other than as described herein and in the Azman Declaration, insofar as McDermott has been able to ascertain, other than in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, neither McDermott, nor any partner, counsel, or associate of McDermott, has any connection (connection being defined as a familial or professional relationship) with the Debtors, their creditors, or any other interested party herein, their respective attorneys or accountants, or the U.S. Trustee or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee.
- 15. McDermott is conducting a continuing inquiry into matters that would affect its disinterested status. In the event additional disclosure is necessary, McDermott will

promptly file a supplemental affidavit with the Court setting forth any facts and circumstances relevant thereto.

MCDERMOTT'S COMPENSATION

- section 330(a) and the U.S. Trustee's *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for*Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 By Attorneys in

 Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective As Of November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"),
 and any orders establishing fee procedures for professionals that may be entered in the

 Chapter 11 Cases, and as set forth in the Azman Declaration, the Committee proposes to
 compensate McDermott on an hourly basis, plus reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses
 and other charges incurred by McDermott according to its customary reimbursement policies.
- by the Committee on account of services rendered by McDermott in the Chapter 11 Cases be paid as administrative expenses of the Debtors' estates pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 328, 330, 331, 503(b), and 507(a)(2). Subject to the Court's approval, McDermott will charge for its legal services on an hourly basis in accordance with its ordinary and customary hourly rates on the date such services are rendered, subject to Bankruptcy Code sections 328, 330, and 331.

18. McDermott's current hourly rates for matters related to these Chapter 11 Cases range as follows:

| Billing Category | Range ² |
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| Partners | \$875 - \$1,510 |
| Counsel | \$755 – \$1,300 |
| Associates | \$545 - \$1,190 |
| Paraprofessionals | \$115 – \$650 |

- McDermott's hourly rates are set at a level designed to compensate McDermott fairly for the work of its attorneys and paraprofessionals and to cover fixed and routine expenses. Hourly rates vary with the experience and seniority of the individuals assigned. McDermott's hourly rates are subject to periodic adjustments (typically effective as of January of each year) to reflect economic and other conditions. McDermott will provide at least 10 business days' notice to the Committee, the Debtors, and the U.S. Trustee prior to any increases in the rates set forth in the Azman Declaration and will file such notice with this Court.
- 20. McDermott's policy is to request reimbursement of its actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with providing legal services. Among other things, McDermott charges its clients for facsimile and other charges, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, photocopying charges, travel expenses, after-hours taxi expenses, expenses for working meals or overtime/after-hours meals, computerized research, and transcript costs. McDermott, however, will not seek reimbursement of secretarial or other overtime charges. McDermott will charge the Committee for these expenses at rates consistent with charges made to other McDermott clients, and subject to the Local Rules, orders of this Court, and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines.

McDermott has agreed to a \$1,300 maximum hourly billing rate for professionals working on the Chapter 11 Cases.

- 21. McDermott will maintain detailed records of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the rendering of the legal services described above, in accordance with applicable rules and guidelines.
- 22. Under Bankruptcy Code section 328(a), the Committee may retain counsel under reasonable terms and conditions. The Committee believes that the hourly rates and expense policies of McDermott, which are applied to other McDermott clients, all as described above, constitute fair and reasonable terms and conditions for the retention by the Committee of McDermott as counsel in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 328(a).
- 23. On account of its services to the Committee, McDermott will seek compensation and reimbursement of expenses consistent with any interim compensation procedures approved by the Court.
- 24. The Committee requests that McDermott be allowed compensation for its services and reimbursement for its expenses in accordance with Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331 and Bankruptcy Rule 2016 upon submission of appropriate applications therefor in compliance with all applicable orders, rules, and guidelines, subject to the review and approval of the Court.

MOTION PRACTICE

25. The Application includes citations to the applicable rules and statutory authorities upon which the relief requested herein is predicated and a discussion of their application to this Motion. Accordingly, the Committee submits that the Application satisfies Local Rule 9013-1(a).

NOTICE

26. Notice of this Application has been provided in accordance with the *Final Order (I) Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures*

and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 240]. The Committee submits that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

27. No prior request for the relief sought in this Application has been made in this or any other court.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Committee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form of the Proposed Order, authorizing and approving the employment and retention of McDermott as counsel to the Committee and granting the Committee such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York August 15, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., ET AL.

By:

Jason Raznick, not in his individual capacity but solely as Chair of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., *et al*.

EXHIBIT A

Proposed Order

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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| In re: |) Chapter 11 |
| VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., et al., |) Case No. 22-10943(MEW) |
| Debtors. ¹ |) (Jointly Administered) |
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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., ET AL., EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 22, 2022

Upon the Application for Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of McDermott Will & Emery LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., et al., Effective as of July 22, 2022 (the "Application")² of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., et al. (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an order (this "Order") authorizing the Committee to employ and retain McDermott as its legal counsel effective as of the Retention Date, all as more fully set forth in the Application; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, entered February 1, 2012; and this Court having the power to enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and the Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. (7687); Voyager Digital Ltd. (7224); and Voyager Digital, LLC (8013). The location of the Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc.'s and Voyager Digital Ltd.'s principal place of business is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003. Voyager Digital, LLC's principal place of business is 701 S. Miami Ave, 8th Floor, Miami, FL 33131.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

having found that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Committee's notice of the Application and opportunity for a hearing on the Application were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and the Court having reviewed the Application and Supporting Declarations and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application, the Supporting Declarations, and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and the Court being satisfied, based on the representations made in the Application and the Supporting Declarations, that McDermott is a "disinterested person" as defined in Bankruptcy Code section 101(14) and does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors' estates with respect to any of the matters for which McDermott is to be engaged; and the Court finding that the employment of McDermott is necessary to the performance of the Committee's duties; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Application is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 328 and 1103(a), the Committee is authorized to employ and retain McDermott as its legal counsel, effective as of July 22, 2022, on the terms set forth in the Application.
- 3. McDermott shall apply for compensation of professional services and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases in compliance with Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331 and the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any applicable orders of this Court.
 - 4. McDermott shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid any duplication of services

provided by any of the Committee's other retained professionals in the Chapter 11 Cases.

- 5. McDermott shall file a supplemental declaration with this Court and give not less than ten (10) business days' notice to the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, and the Committee prior to any increases in the rates set forth in the Azman Declaration. The supplemental declaration shall explain the basis for the requested increases in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 330(a)(3)(F) and state whether the Committee has consented to the rate increase. The U.S. Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds, including the reasonableness standard set forth in Bankruptcy Code section 330, and the Court retains the right to review any rate increase pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 330.
- 6. To the extent the Application is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.
- 7. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of the Application, and the Local Rules are satisfied by the contents of the Application.
- 8. The Committee and McDermott are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Application.
- 9. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 10. The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to any matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

| Dated: New York, New York | THE HONORABLE MICHAEL E. WILES |
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| | UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE |

Exhibit B

Azman Declaration

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

| In re: |) Chapter 11 |
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| Debtors. ¹ |) (Jointly Administered) |
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DECLARATION OF DARREN AZMAN IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., ET AL., EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 22, 2022

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Darren Azman, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

- 1. I am a partner in the law firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP

 ("McDermott") and resident in McDermott's New York office at One Vanderbilt Avenue,

 New York, New York 10017-3852. I am a member in good standing of the Bars of the States

 of Massachusetts and New York. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against me.
- 2. I am familiar with the matters set forth herein and make this declaration (the "<u>Declaration</u>") pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a) in support of the application (the "<u>Application</u>")² of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "<u>Committee</u>") appointed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., *et al.* (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") for entry of an order authorizing the employment and retention of McDermott as counsel to the Committee. Unless otherwise stated, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.

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McDermott's Qualifications

3. McDermott and its attorneys have extensive experience and knowledge of complex chapter 11 matters and have successfully represented official and unofficial committees in many prominent and complex bankruptcy cases, including recent committee representations in *In re Centric Brands, Inc.* (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.); *In re Energy Alloys Holdings, LLC* (Bankr. D. Del.); *In re Entrust Energy, Inc.* (Bankr. S.D. Tex.); *In re Griddy Energy, LLC* (Bankr. S.D. Tex.); and *In re CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.* (Bankr. S.D. Tex.). Moreover, McDermott's lawyers have extensive experience advising clients in the cryptocurrency space, including representing the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Cred, Inc., *et al.*, in its chapter 11 cases filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (Case No. 20-12836 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del.)), which involved a cryptocurrency yield earning platform, and the ongoing representation of the Cred Inc. Liquidation Trust. I believe that McDermott possesses the requisite knowledge and expertise in the areas of law relevant to the Chapter 11 Cases and is well qualified to represent the Committee.

McDermott's Compensation

- 4. McDermott has been asked to serve as counsel to the Committee appointed by the U.S. Trustee in the Chapter 11 Cases. The Committee proposes to compensate McDermott on an hourly basis, plus reimbursement of actual, necessary expenses and other charges incurred by McDermott according to its customary reimbursement policies.
- McDermott's current hourly rates for matters related to these Chapter 11Cases range as follows:

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- 7. McDermott's policy is to request reimbursement of its actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with providing legal services. Among other things, McDermott charges its clients for facsimile and other charges, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, photocopying charges, travel expenses, after-hours taxi expenses, expenses for working meals or overtime/after-hours meals, computerized research, and transcript costs. McDermott, however, will not seek reimbursement of secretarial or other overtime charges. McDermott will charge the Committee for these expenses at rates consistent with charges made to other McDermott clients, and subject to the Local Rules, orders of this Court, and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines.
- 8. McDermott will maintain detailed records of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the rendering of the legal services described above, in accordance with applicable rules and guidelines.

McDermott has agreed to a \$1,300 maximum hourly billing rate for professionals working on the Chapter 11 Cases.

- 9. McDermott intends to apply for compensation for professional services rendered and for reimbursement of expenses incurred in accordance with applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, orders of this Court, and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines. McDermott will seek compensation and reimbursement of expenses consistent with any interim compensation procedures approved by this Court.
- 10. Except as described herein, neither McDermott nor any professional or attorney associated with or employed by McDermott has received a promise as to payment or compensation in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases. No agreement exists, nor will any be made, to share any compensation received by McDermott for its services with any other person or firm other than members of McDermott.

McDermott's Connections to the Chapter 11 Cases

- 11. In connection with the Committee's proposed retention of McDermott, I directed McDermott staff to conduct a review (the "Conflicts Check") of McDermott's computerized client and conflict database (the "Conflicts Database") to determine McDermott's connections (as such term is used in Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a)) to the Debtors, their creditors, any other party-in-interest, or their respective attorneys or accountants (collectively, the "Potential Parties in Interest"). For purposes of the Conflicts Check, McDermott utilized the interested party list provided by the Debtors. Attached hereto as Schedule 1 is the list of Potential Parties in Interest that was checked against the Conflicts Database.
- 12. The Conflicts Database maintained by McDermott is designed to include every matter on which the firm is now and has been engaged, by which entity the firm is now or has been engaged, and, in each instance, the identity of certain related parties and adverse parties and certain of the attorneys in the firm that are knowledgeable about the matter. It is

the policy of McDermott that no new matter may be accepted or opened without the firm completing and submitting to those charged with maintaining the Conflicts Database the information necessary to check each such matter for conflicts, including the identity of the prospective client, the matter, and related and adverse parties. Accordingly, McDermott maintains and systematically updates this system in the regular course of business of the firm, and it is the regular practice of the firm to make and maintain these records.

- 13. The Conflicts Check performed by McDermott included an email circulated to all McDermott personnel alerting all professionals at McDermott to identify any connections with the Potential Parties in Interest. As part of this circulation, the recipients were also requested to identify: (a) any connections to the U.S. Trustee or any person employed in that office, and (b) their direct holding of any claims against or interests in the Debtors.
- 14. A summary of the results of the Conflicts Check is attached hereto as

 Schedule 2 (the "Connections List"). These connections were then reviewed to identify any relationship that would need to be disclosed in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 2014.
- 15. The Conflicts List provides a listing of Potential Parties in Interest that McDermott either: (i) currently represents (or represents a related party thereto) (the "Current Clients") in matters wholly unrelated to the Chapter 11 Cases; or (ii) in the past represented (or represented a related party thereto) in matters wholly unrelated to the Chapter 11 Cases. In connection with the services to be rendered to the Committee, McDermott will not commence a cause of action against any Current Client with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases, unless McDermott has received a waiver from the Current Client allowing McDermott to commence such an action. In connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, to the extent any causes of action are commenced by or against any Current Client, and a waiver letter is not obtained permitting McDermott to participate in such action, the Committee will retain conflicts counsel to represent the interests of the Debtors' unsecured creditors.

- 16. None of the McDermott existing clients noted on the Connections List accounted for more than 1% of McDermott's gross revenues for the past twelve (12) months.
- 17. McDermott also performed general diligence to determine any connections beyond what is disclosed in the attached schedules. McDermott may have represented in the past or currently or in the future may represent entities (other than parties in the attached schedules) not known currently to McDermott in matters wholly unrelated to the Chapter 11 Cases who may be parties in interest in these cases. To the extent that McDermott discovers any such information or needs to update the information disclosed herein, McDermott will disclose such information by filing a supplemental declaration pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2014.
- 18. To the best of my knowledge after diligent inquiry, no partner or employee of McDermott has been, within two years before the Petition Date, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtors. I am not, nor is McDermott, an insider of the Debtors. Except as set forth herein, neither McDermott nor I hold directly any claim, debt, or equity security of the Debtors. McDermott does not have an interest adverse to the interests of the Debtors' estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders of the Debtors, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors, as specified in Bankruptcy Code section 101(14)(C), or for any other reason.
- 19. To the best of my knowledge after diligent inquiry, neither McDermott, any member of McDermott, nor any attorney associated with or employed by McDermott has any "connection," as such term is used in Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a), with the Debtors, their creditors, any other party-in-interest, their respective attorneys or accountants, the U.S. Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee, except to the extent set forth herein and on the Connections List.

20. Notwithstanding the connections disclosed herein and on the Connections List, I believe that McDermott is a disinterested person, and does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors' estates with respect to the matters for which McDermott is to be employed, as required by Bankruptcy Code section 328(c).

Specific Disclosures

- 21. Out of an abundance of caution, certain of the representations reflected on the Connections List are also highlighted below.
- 22. In response to the Conflicts Check, certain current McDermott attorneys and staff members reported being customers of the Debtor. Those individuals have not and will not perform work in connection with McDermott's representation of the Committee and will not have access to confidential information related to the representation.
- 23. McDermott attorneys Luc Jansen, Damon Lyon, and Greer Griffith are equity interest holders of the Debtors. They will not perform work in connection with McDermott's representation of the Committee nor will they have access to confidential information related to the representation. I do not believe that their equity ownership prevents McDermott from satisfying the Bankruptcy Code's disinterestedness standard.
- 24. Shara Netterstrom, a conflicts attorney at McDermott, has a personal relationship with Shara Cornell, a trial attorney with the U.S. Trustee's Office for the Southern District of New York. Ms. Netterstrom will not perform work in connection with McDermott's representation of the Committee and will not have access to confidential information related to the representation. I do not believe that this Ms. Netterstrom's personal relationship prevents McDermott from satisfying the Bankruptcy Code's disinterestedness standard.

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Statement Regarding U.S. Trustee Guidelines

25. McDermott intends to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S.

Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the U.S. Trustee

Guidelines, both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications

to be filed by McDermott in the course of its engagement. In doing so, however, McDermott

reserves all rights as to the relevance and substantive legal effect of the U.S. Trustee

Guidelines in respect of any application for employment or compensation in these cases that

falls within the ambit of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of

my knowledge and belief.

Dated: August 22, 2022

By:

/s/ Darren Azman

Darren Azman

Partner

McDermott Will & Emery LLP

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Schedule 1

Potential Parties in Interest

List of Schedules

| Category |
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| Current and Former Affiliates |
| Current and Former Directors and Officers |
| Significant Equityholders |
| Bankruptcy Professionals |
| Banks / Lenders / Administrative Agents |
| Contract Parties |
| Customers |
| Insurance |
| Landlords |
| Litigation |
| Ordinary Course Professionals |
| Potential M&A Transaction Counterparties |
| Taxing Authorities / Government / Regulatory Agencies |
| Top 50 Unsecured Creditors |
| U.S. Trustee, Judges, and Court Contacts for the Southern District of New York |
| Utilities |
| Vendors |
| |

Schedule 1(a)

Current and Former Affiliates

Coinify Financial Services ApS

Coinify Global Solutions Inc.

Coinify Ltd.

Coinify Payments OU

Coinify Technologies ApS

HTC Trading Inc.

LGO SAS

Voyager Digital Brokerage Canada Ltd.

Voyager Digital Brokerage Ltd.

Voyager Digital Holdings Inc.

Voyager Digital LLC

Voyager Digital Ltd.

Voyager Digital NY LLC

Voyager Europe

Voyager European Holdings ApS

Voyager IP LLC

VYGR Holdings LLC

VYGR Management LLC

Schedule 1(b)

Current and Former Directors and Officers

Ackart, Jennifer

Barrilleaux, Janice

Bateman, Lewis

Brooks, Brian

Brosgol, David

Costantino, Daniel

Dreuzy, Gaspard Aupepin de Lamothe

Egert, Mark

Ehrlich, Stephen

Elliott, Guy

Eytan, Philip

Frizzley, Jill

Gidwani, Rakesh

Hanshe, Gerard

Hugo, Victor

Jensen, Marshall

Keslassy, Jordana

Kramer, Pam

Kreiker, Serge

Ladhani, Akbar

Lavine, Shingo

Legg, Michael

Lightfoot, Jeffrey B.

Lilien, Jarrett

Pohl, Tim

Prithipaul, Ashwin

Psaropoulos, Evan

Ray, Matthew

Reynolds, Brandi

Stevens, Glenn

Toth, Krisztian

Vogel, Scott

Walmesley, Erin

Schedule 1(c)

Significant Equityholders

Alameda Research Ventures LLC

Schedule 1(d)

Bankruptcy Professionals

Berkeley Research Group LLC
Deloitte & Touche LLP
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
Grant Thornton LLP
Moelis & Co.
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP
Stretto
Valuation Research Corp.

Schedule 1(e)

Banks / Lenders / Administrative Agents

Alameda Research Ltd.
Alameda Ventures Ltd.
Anchorage Digital Bank NA
Anchorage Lending CA LLC
Bank of Montreal
BitGo Prime LLC
BMO
Galaxy Digital LLC
Genesis Global Capital LLC
Metropolitan Commercial Bank
Signature Bank
Silvergate Bank
Tesseract Group Oy
Three Arrows Capital Ltd.

Schedule 1(f)

Contract Parties

Amazon.com Inc.

Celsius Network Ltd.

Chainalysis Inc.

Copper Technologies (UK) Ltd.

Cumberland DRW LLC

Dallas Basketball Ltd.

Dinwiddie Corp., The

DV Chain LLC

FiCentive Inc.

Fireblocks Inc.

THEOLOGIS IIIC.

Fireblocks Ltd.

Gronk Endorsements LLC

JSCT LLC

Landon Cassill Inc.

Ledger Technologies Inc.

Tai Mo Shan Ltd.

Talos Trading Inc.

ThoughtWorks Inc.

Usio Inc.

Wintermute Trading Ltd.

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Schedule 1(g)

Customers

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Schedule 1(h)

Insurance

CAC Specialty Co.
FirstBrook Cassie & Anderson Ltd.
Great Midwestern Insurance Co.
Hartford Fire Insurance Co.
Hartford Underwriters Insurance Co.
Lloyd's of London Syndicate
MJD3 Associates LLC
Relm Insurance Ltd.
XL Specialty Insurance Co.

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Schedule 1(i)

Landlords

Regus WeWork Inc.

Schedule 1(j)

Litigation

Alabama, State of, Securities Commission Berk, Jordan
California, State of, Business, Consumer Services & Housing Agency, Department of
Financial Protection & Innovation
Cassidy, Mark
Indiana, State of, Securities Division
Kentucky, Commonwealth of, Department of Financial Institutions
New Jersey, State of, Bureau of Securities
Oklahoma, State of, Department of Securities
South Carolina, State of, Securities Commissioner
Texas, State of, Securities Board
US Bank NA
Vermont, State of, Department of Financial Regulation

Washington, State of, Department of Financial Institutions, Securities Division

Schedule 1(k)

Ordinary Course Professionals

Berger Singerman LLP
Conyers Dill & Pearman LLP
Day Pitney LLP
Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC
Jackson Lewis PC
Jenner & Block LLP
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Lowenstein Sandler LLP
Mintz & Gold LLP
Paul Hastings LLP
Seyfarth Shaw LLP
Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP
Walkers Corporate Ltd.

Schedule 1(1)

Potential M&A Transaction Counterparties

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Schedule 1(m)

Taxing Authorities / Government / Regulatory Agencies

Alabama, State of, Department of Revenue

Alaska, State of, Department of Revenue

Arizona, State of, Department of Revenue

Arkansas, State of, Department of Finance & Administration

California, State of, Franchise Tax Board

Connecticut, State of, Department of Revenue Services

Delaware, State of, Department of Revenue

Florida, State of, Department of Revenue

Georgia, State of, Department of Revenue

Idaho, State of, Tax Commission

Illinois, State of, Department of Revenue

Indiana, State of, Department of Revenue

Iowa, State of, Department of Revenue

Kansas, State of, Department of Revenue

Kentucky, Commonwealth of, Department of Revenue

Louisiana, State of, Department of Revenue

Maine, State of, Department of Revenue Services

Maryland, State of, Comptroller

Michigan, State of, Department of Treasury

Minnesota, State of, Department of Revenue

Mississippi, State of, Department of Revenue

Nebraska, State of, Department of Revenue

New Hampshire, State of, Department of Revenue Administration

New Jersey, State of, Division of Taxation

New Mexico, State of, Department of Tax & Revenue

North Carolina, State of, Department of Revenue

North Dakota, State of, Office of State Tax Commissioner

Oklahoma, State of, Tax Commission

Oregon, State of, Department of Revenue

Pennsylvania, Commonwealth of, Department of Revenue

Rhode Island, State of, Division of Taxation

South Carolina, State of, Department of Revenue

Tennessee, State of, Department of Revenue

Texas, State of, Comptroller of Public Accounts

Utah, State of, State Tax Commission

Virgina, Commonwealth of, Department of Taxation

Washington, D.C., Office of Tax & Revenue

West Virginia, State of, Tax Department

Wisconsin, State of, Department of Revenue

Schedule 1(n)

Top 50 Unsecured Creditors

Alameda Research LLC [CONFIDENTIAL]

Schedule 1(0)

U.S. Trustee Personnel, Judges, and Court Contacts for the Southern District of New York

Arbeit, Susan

Beckerman, Lisa G.

Bruh, Mark, Esq.

Chapman, Shelley C.

Cornell, Shara

Drain, Robert D.

Garrity, James L., Jr.

Glenn, Martin

Harrington, William K.

Higgins, Benjamin J.

Jones, David S.

Lane, Sean H.

Masumoto, Brian S.

Morris, Cecelia G.

Morrissey, Richard C.

Riffkin, Linda A.

Schwartz, Andrea B.

Schwartzberg, Paul K.

Scott, Shannon

Tiantian, Tara

Velez-Rivera, Andy

Wells, Annie

Wiles, Michael E.

Zipes, Greg M.

Schedule 1(p)

Utilities

Phone.com Inc. Verizon Wireless WeWork Inc.

Schedule 1(q)

Vendors

15Five Inc.

33 Irving Tenant LLC

A&V Sports Group LLC

Accretive Capital

Accura Advokatpartnerselskab

Accurate Staffing Solutions Corp.

Ackart, Jennifer C.

Actimize Inc.

Acxiom LLC

Ada Support Inc.

Adam Atlas, Attorneys at Law

AdColony Inc.

Adobe

Adperio Network LLC

Advokaadibüroo Cobalt OÜ

Aiven

aktiencheck.de AG

A-LIGN

Alps Consulting LLP

Already Design Co.

Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc.

Amalgamated Suncoast Portfolio LLC

Amazon

Amazon Web Services

Amazon Web Services Inc.

American Airlines

American Arbitration Association Inc.

Amicaz Group LLC

Angry Pug Sportswear LLC

Aon Consulting Inc.

Apple

Apple Inc.

Apple Search Ads

Appsflyer

Arianna Jonae LLC

Arndt, Krista

Arrow Search Partners

Atlassian

Aura Sub LLC

Authentic8 Inc.

Baker & McKenzie LLP

Bank Khanty-Mansiysk

Barefoot LLC

Barkley, Matthew M.

Bateman Capital Inc.

BDA International Ltd.

Beekman Social LLC

Behmer & Blackford LLP

Belk, Chandler

Benabe, Alejandro

Benchmark Co. LLC, The

Berger Singerman LLP

BetterInvesting Inc.

Beutler Enterprises Inc.

Beyond Studios

Big Outdoor Holdings LLC

BitGo Inc.

Bitrise.io

Blackwired (US) Inc.

Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP

Block Crypto Inc., The

Blockchain Association

Blockdaemon Inc.

BlockWorks Advisors LLC

BlockWorks Group LLC

Bloomberg Finance LP

Botero-Uribe, Sergio

BPM LLP

Brent, Karen

BrightEdge Technologies Inc.

Brill Advisors LLC

British Airways

Broadridge Financial Solutions Inc.

Brooks, Brian P.

Brunson, Jalen

Brunson, Jalen M.

BTC Media Ltd.

BTIG LLC

Buddakan Business Wire Inc.

Cabezas, Jamie

Campbells LLP

Canada Revenue Agency

Capone, Steven

Carbone

Carbone NYC

Cassill, Landon

Catamorphic Co.

CC API

CC Data

CCM Advisory LLC

CDS Clearing & Depository Services

CDW LLC

Certified Kernel Tech LLC

Chameleon Collective Consulting LLC

Chang Tsi & Co.

Chorba, Phillip J.

Chord Advisors LLC

Citigate Dewe Rogerson Ltd.

Cloud Posse LLC

Cloudflare Inc.

Cloudinary Ltd.

CNSX Markets Inc.

CNW Group Ltd.

Cockroach Labs Inc.

Coding Lobster

Coinbound Inc.

Colaprico, Danielle

ColorArt

Complex Sports & Entertainment LLC

Computershare Ltd.

Conbere, Anders

Concur Technologies Inc.

Consensus 2022

Constant Plan LLC, The

Convers Dill & Pearman LLP

CorCom LLC

Corey Thomas Design

Corpay One Inc.

Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, The

Costantino, Dan

Costantino, Daniel

Creative Circle LLC

Crypto Rating Council LLC, The

CXG Holdings Inc.

Cyber Job Central LLC

Cypress Group Staffing Inc.

CyZen Tech Co. Ltd.

Dajax LLC

Dallas Mavericks Inc.

Data.ai Inc.

Datadog Inc.

Daversa Partners Ltd.

David Bolton PC

Davis, Ashtyn

Day Pitney LLP

de Dreuzy, Gaspard

Dechert (Paris) LLP

Delaware, State of, Division of Revenue, Tax Agency

DeLeon, Zusette

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Delta Air Lines Inc.

Deshchenko, Anton

Devexperts Sofia Ltd.

Dezenhall Resources Ltd.

Diamond Equity Research LLC

Dianomi Inc.

Digital Commerce Bank

Digital Niche Agency

Digital257 Technologies Inc.

Dinwiddie Inc.

Dinwiddie, Spencer

Distinguished Search LLC

Distrust LLC

Docker Inc.

DocuSign Inc.

Donnelley Financial Solutions

Canada Corp. dotdigital Inc.

Dotmailer Inc.

DoubleStruck Designs

Dropbox Inc.

Duane Morris LLP

Duclair, Anthony

Elasticsearch Inc.

Elevate Brand Marketing Inc.

Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP

Endeavor Parent LLC

EQS Group AG

Eronin, Max

eSSENTIAL

Accessibility Inc.

Esterhuizen, Eben

Exzac Inc.

Eytan, Philip

Fastly Inc.

Feissli, Stefan

Fidelifacts Metropolitan New York Inc.

Figma Inc.

Financial Services Information Sharing & Analysis Center

Find Your Happy LLC

Finney-Smith, Dorian

FirstBrook Cassie & Anderson Ltd.

Fivetran Inc.

Flint Inc.

Florida, State of, Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Fogie, Seth

Fort Capital Ontario Inc.

Fragomen Del Rey Bernsen & Loewy LLP

Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC

Freshworks Inc.

Friends of Falcon Hockey Inc., The

Fundamental Research Corp.

Fusion of Ideas Inc.

Gilja, Neha

GitHub Inc.

Glass Lewis & Co. LLC

Glendale Securities Inc.

Glushon Sports Management

Good Causes Inc.

Goodbay Technologies Inc.

GoodHire

Google Ads Management Ltd.

Google Cloud

Google G Suite

Google LLC

Google Voice Inc.

Gorsuch, Michael

GRA Enterprises LLC

Grant Thornton LLP

Gravitational Inc.

Green, Derek

Green, Sheri

Greenhouse Software Inc.

Greifenkamp, Jonathan

Gronkowski, Chris

Gronkowski, Christopher

Gronkowski, Daniel

Gronkowski, Glenn

Gronkowski, Gordon

Gronkowski, Gordon, Jr.

Gronkowski, Rob

G-Suite Holdings Ltd.

Gyamfi, Andrew

HackerOne Inc.

Hamilton, Kristen

HappyFunCorp LLC

HardHead Marketing

Harris, Lindsey

Harrison, Tom

Hashtag Business LLC

Helman, David

Hill Dickinson LLP

Hireclout Inc.

Holt, Robert B.

Hotjar Ltd.

Hunt, Akeem

ICE Systems Inc.

Impact Tech Inc.

Independent Trading Group (ITG) Inc.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway LLC

Infinite Agency LLC

Infinite IP Corp.

Infinity Consulting Solutions Inc.

Interviewstreet Inc.

Intralinks SA

Intuit Inc.

IPQualityScore

IQTalent Partners Inc.

Ironclad Inc.

Iterable Inc.

JA Visual Solutions LLC

Jackson Lewis PC

Jackson, Davin A.

Jackson, Sean

JDI Studio LLC

Jensen Hughes Inc.

JetBlue Airways Corp.

JetBrains s.r.o.

JFrog Ltd.

Jivaro Professional Headhunters LLC

Johnson Rivers Lyons LLC

Johnson, Estelle

JP Galda & Co.

Jumio Corp.

Karashik, Adam

Kate Leavell Cos. LLC

Kaulig Racing Inc.

KCSA Strategic Communications

Kelber, Maximilian

Ketchum Inc.

Kforce Inc.

KLDiscovery Ontrack LLC

Kleber, Maximilian

Klingenberg, Meghan

Knapp, Marla K.

KnowBe4 Inc.

Korn Ferry (US)

Koto Studio LLC

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Kramer, Pamela

Kratka, Mary

Kreiker, Serge

La Cantera Resort & Spa

Lagiglia, Dominique

Lakeshore Securities Inc.

Landgraf, Jennifer

Las Vegas Motor Speedway

LastPass

Laurel Hill Advisory Group LLC

LD Micro Inc.

Learfield Communications LLC

Lee, Janice

Levin Group Ltd.

Lin, Monica

LogMeIn

LogMeIn USA Inc.

Lord, Jessica

Loyalist LLC

Luk, Brian

Lussi, Tyler

Lytham Partners LLC

MaestroQA Inc.

Major Lindsey & Africa LLC

Malocca, Greg

Malwarebytes Inc.

Marcum LLP

Mark Fabiani LLC

Market One Media Group Inc.

Market Rebellion LLC

Marrelli Support Services Inc.

Maxx Management LLC

McCarter & English LLP

McCarthy Lebit Crystal & Liffman Co. LPA

McCrary, Chelsea

McCurdy, Tess

McDonald, Jess

McDonald, Jessica

Mediant Communications Inc.

Medium Rare Live LLC

Meltwater News US Inc.

Merlin Media LLC

MessageBank LLC

Meta Platforms Inc.

Microsoft Corp.

Mintz & Gold LLP

Miro SA

Mitchell, Jonahthan

Mixpanel Inc.

Mobile Action Inc.

Mohseni, Cyrus

monday.com Ltd.

Money Services Business Association Inc., The

Mortimer, Kelsey

Motivate Design LLC

Motive Interactive Inc.

Mountain Shadows Resort

MPJ Advisors LLC

MSG Arena LLC

NAI Interactive Ltd.

Nasdaq Corporate Solutions LLC

National Women's Soccer League LLC

NBCN Clearing Inc.

Netki Inc.

Network Redux LLC

New York, State of, Department of Taxation & Finance

Next for Me Media Inc.

NMLS

Noble Capital Markets

Noble Capital Markets Inc.

Nominis Advisory Ltd.

Ntilikina, Frank

NuMedia LLC

Octive

Ogon LLC

Olivia Faria LLC

Online Business Systems Inc.

OnlineNotary.net

Ontario Securities Commission

OpsGenie

OpsGenie Inc.

Optimal Workshop

Oracle America Inc.

Organic Inc.

OST Labz Pvt. Ltd.

OTC Markets Group Inc.

Owen Bird Law Corp.

Pada Ventures Inc.

Pager Inc.

Pagerduty Inc.

Penn Recruiting LLC

Perkins Coie LLP

Pickwick Capital Partners LLC

Piper Cos. LLC

PitchBook Data Inc.

Plaid Inc.

PN Agency

PopNoggins LLC

PortSwigger Ltd.

Postman Basic Monthly

Powell, Dwight

PR Newswire Inc.

Premier Partnerships Inc.

Pressley, Toni

Printed Threads

Proconsul Capital Ltd.

Project 1972 Inc.

Pro-Sport Media Management LLC

Psaropoulos, Evan

PSAV Inc.

Psyhnov, Timofy

Publicist Inc.

QLUE Forensic Systems Inc.

Quality Wolves

Quantstamp Inc.

Quantum Talent Group, The

QWIL Inc.

Ramnarine, Chandkumar R.

Rashad A. Jennings Inc.

Ratzlaff, Cordell

Reciprocity Inc. Regus

Regus Management Group LLC

Reisz, Carey

Republic Crypto LLC

Residence Inn by Marriott Dayton Beavercreek

Ringside Canada Inc.

Ripple, Peter I.

Roadmunk Rocketship HQ LLC

Rockwell, Fred

Rodriguez, Kevin

Ronick, David

S&S Activewear LLC

Sabetmoghaddam, Paniz

Santoshi Enterprise Ltd.

Santucci, Amanda

Schiff Hardin LLP

Scott, John M.

Seeking Alpha Inc.

Segment.IO Inc.

Seprio LLC

Seyfarth Shaw LLP

Shei, Christopher

Sheraton Grand Nashville Downtown Hotel

Sidoti & Co. LLC

Sift Science Inc.

Silver Management Group Inc.

Singular Research LLC

Slack Technologies LLC

Sloane & Co. LLC

SLS South Beach

Smarsh Inc.

Smart City Networks LP

Snapchat

Snowflake Inc.

Snyk Inc.

Soar, Hannah

Socure Inc.

Soona Co.

Sovran, William O.

Spacelift Inc.

Spatialize

Sports Girls, The

SquareWorks Consulting LLC

Staab, Sam

Staab, Samantha

Standout Tech Solutions LLC

Stephenson, Charles

Sterling Trading Tech

STK International Inc.

Stockhouse Publishing Ltd.

Stockjock.com LP

StockVest Inc.

Stone, Isaiah

Swag.com Inc.

Sweet, Noah C.

Tableau Software Inc.

Tam, Miko

Tapjoy Inc.

Taylor & Gray LLC

Techracers Pvt. Ltd.

Teneo Strategy LLC

Tennessee, State of, Department of Revenue

Terminal Inc.

Thompson House Group

TradingView Inc.

Travelator Inc.

Travelbank Ltd.

Travelers Cos. Inc., The

Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

TSX Inc.

Tuple Technologies Pte. Ltd.

Turnbull, James

Turner, Trea

Turner, Trea V.

Twilio Inc.

Twitter Inc.

Typeform SL

Uber Technologies Inc.

Unique Prints LLC

United Airlines Holdings Inc.

United Parcel Service Inc.

Unity Technologies Corp.

Upside Business Travel

UserTesting Inc.

Valdes-Scantling, Marquez

Valuation Research Corp.

Venture Group Capital LLC

Verizon Wireless Services LLC

Vijay, Kumar B.

Vincent Manufacturing Inc.

Vo, Donna

Vulcanize Inc.

W Dallas - Victory

W New York - Union Square

Walkers Corporate Ltd.

Walkers Ireland LLP

Wall Street Blockchain Alliance

Wall Street Dead aHead Networking LLC

Wandering Bear Inc.

Watt, Ally

Watt, Ally M.

Weisman Tech Law LLC

Westphal, Christen

WeWork Inc.

Whistler Search Partners LLC

White, Jarobi

WilliamsMarston LLC

Willis Towers Watson PLC

Winjit Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Winslow, The

Wrike Inc.

WRZ Chartered Accountants

Yanpolsky, Andre

Yuen, Eva

Zapier Inc.

Zendesk Inc.

ZeroFox Inc.

Zoom Video Communications Inc.

Schedule 2

Connections List

Schedule 2(a) - Current¹ Clients²

| Name of Entity Searched | Name of Entity and/or Affiliate of Entity that is a McDermott Client | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1600 Ampitheatre Pkwy (Google LLC) | Google, Inc. | | | | | |
| Acorns Grow Incorporated | Acorns Grow Incorporated | | | | | |
| Amazon | Amazon.com | | | | | |
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| Verizon Wireless | Version Wireless, Inc. | | | | | |

The term "current client" means a client to whom time was posted in the 12 months preceding July 22, 2022, the date the Committee selected McDermott as its proposed counsel.

McDermott may currently represent or have previously represented certain affiliates of the entities disclosed herein, and the disclosure is accordingly broad in scope.

Schedule 2(b) – Former Clients³

| Name of Entity Searched | Name of Entity and/or Affiliate of Entity |
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| | that was a McDermott Client |
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| | Estates of Norman and Muriel Leventhal |
| | Anchorage Company |
| Paul Hastings LLP | Paul Hastings Foreign Law Enterprise |
| Rick Powell | Dina and Rick Powell |
| XL Specialty Insurance Company | XL Insurance Company SE |

The term "former client" means a client to whom time was posted between 12 and 36 months preceding July 22, 2022, the date the Committee selected McDermott as its proposed counsel, but for whom no time has been posted in the 12 months preceding July 22, 2022.

Schedule 2(c) - Closed Clients⁴

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| Jenner & Block LLP | Jenner & Block | | | | |
| West Realm Shires Services Inc. (d/b/a FTX | FTX-LE Capital, LLC | | | | |
| US) | | | | | |

The term "closed client" means a client to whom time was posted in the 36 months preceding July 22, 2022, the date the Committee selected McDermott as its proposed counsel, but for which the client representation has been closed.

Exhibit C

Raznick Declaration

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

| In re: |) | Chapter 11 |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., et al., |) | Case No. 22-10943 (MEW) |
| Debtors. ¹ |) | (Jointly Administered) |
| |) | |

DECLARATION OF JASON RAZNICK IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP AS COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF VOYAGER DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC., ET AL., EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 22, 2022

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Jason Raznick, declare as follows under penalty of perjury:

- 1. I make this declaration (the "<u>Declaration</u>") solely in my capacity as chair of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "<u>Committee</u>") of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") appointed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>").
- 2. I am familiar with the matters set forth herein and make this Declaration in support of the application (the "Application")² of the Committee seeking to retain and employ McDermott Will & Emery LLP ("McDermott") as counsel to the Committee. I am competent to make this declaration in support of the Application.
- 3. This Declaration is provided pursuant to the U.S. Trustee Guidelines. Except as otherwise noted, all facts in this Declaration are based on my personal knowledge of the

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc. (7687); Voyager Digital Ltd. (7224); and Voyager Digital, LLC (8013). The location of the Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc.'s and Voyager Digital Ltd.'s principal place of business is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003. Voyager Digital, LLC's principal place of business is 701 S. Miami Ave, 8th Floor, Miami, FL 33131.

Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

matters set forth herein, information gathered from my review of relevant documents, and information supplied to me by McDermott.

- 4. I have been informed by McDermott that the U.S. Trustee Guidelines request that any application for employment of an attorney under sections 327 or 1103 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") be accompanied by a verified statement from the client that addresses:
 - (a) The identity and position of the person making the verification.
 - (b) The steps taken by the client to ensure the applicant's billing rates and material terms for the engagement are comparable to the applicant's billing rates and terms for other non-bankruptcy engagements and to the billing rates and terms of other comparably skilled professionals.
 - (c) The number of firms the client interviewed.
 - (d) If the billing rates are not comparable to the applicant's billing rates for other non-bankruptcy engagements and to the billing rates of other comparably skilled professionals, the circumstances warranting the retention of that firm.
 - (e) The procedures the client has established to supervise the applicant's fees and expenses and to manage costs. Whether and how the procedures for the budgeting, review, and approval of fees and expenses differ from those the client regularly employees in non-bankruptcy cases to supervise outside counsel, and any efforts to negotiate rates, including rates for routine matters, or in the alternative to delegate such matters to less expensive counsel.

The Committee's Selection of McDermott as Bankruptcy Counsel

- 5. On July 19, 2022, the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") appointed the Committee in the Chapter 11 Cases. *See* Docket No. 120. In addition to myself, the Committee comprises: (i) Russell G. Stewart; (ii) Brandon Mullenberg; (iii) Richard Kiss for Thincat Trust; (iv) Christopher Moser; (v) Byron Walker; and (vi) Melissa and Adam Freeman.
- 6. On July 22, 2022, the Committee held a meeting and, after interviewing five of the more than twelve law firms that submitted materials to the Committeee, voted to retain McDermott as its bankruptcy counsel. The Committee believes that McDermott's extensive knowledge and experience in bankruptcy and insolvency matters generally, its experience

representing creditors and official committees in corporate reorganizations, and its expertise in areas of non-bankruptcy law relevant in these Chapter 11 Cases make McDermott well qualified to represent the Committee in the Chapter 11 Cases in an efficient and timely manner. Thus, the Committee decided to retain McDermott as the Committee's bankruptcy counsel during the Chapter 11 Cases, subject to Court approval.³

Rate Structure

7. The Committee has reviewed and approved McDermott's standard rates for bankruptcy services as set forth in the Application. McDermott has informed the Committee that its rates for bankruptcy representations are consistent with and comparable to the rates McDermott charges for non-bankruptcy representations. McDermott also has informed the Committee that its current hourly rates apply to non-bankruptcy services, if any, provided by McDermott, unless a contingent fee, mixed contingent fee, flat fee, or blended rate arrangement is agreed upon. McDermott has agreed to set a maximum billing rate of \$1,300 per hour. McDermott has further informed the Committee that its hourly rates are subject to periodic adjustments (typically effective as of January each year) to reflect economic and other conditions. The Committee has consented to such ordinary course rate increases. Based upon these representations and the Committee members' experience, the Committee believes that McDermott's proposed rates are reasonable.

Cost Supervision

8. I recognize that it is the Committee's responsibility to closely monitor the billing practices of its professionals to ensure the fees and expenses paid by the estates remain consistent with the Committee's expectations and the exigencies of the Chapter 11 Cases. To that end, the Committee will review the invoices submitted by McDermott to ensure that the fees charged and expenses incurred are reasonable and necessary. The

On July 25, the Committee selected FTI Consulting, LLC to serve as financial advisor to the Committee, subject to Court approval.

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Committee will further work to ensure that the services provided by McDermott are not duplicative of the services provided by the Committee's other professionals.

Dated: August 15, 2022

Name: Jason Raznick, not in his individual capacity but solely as chair of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Voyager

Digital Holdings, Inc., et al

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 22nd day of August 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application for Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of McDermott Will & Emery LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Voyager Digital Holdings, Inc., et al. Effective as of July 22, 2022 has been served on the Service List via (i) electronic notification pursuant to the CM/ECF system for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, (ii) e-mail, or (iii) First Class U.S. Mail, as indicated in the service list attached hereto.

/s/ Darren Azman
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